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MORTARS.

'13/'14

57 Sarsfield Road,
Balham, S.W.

31 May 1913

Dear Sir,

With reference to the notice
in to-day's "Notes & Queries"
respecting the Historical
Medical Exhibition you are
organising, there was a paragraph
at the foot of one of the columns
of the "Morning Post" of 4th
March last, announcing the
discovery at Winchester of a
medieval mortar (weighing 107
lbs, of bell-metal), such as was
used in monastic infirmaries.

Mention is also made
therein of a similarly interesting
specimen in the York Museum.
(The Winchester one has since
been purchased and lodged in
the ^{Winchester} City Museum).

I don't know whether
you would care to try & obtain
the loan of these objects,
extremely rare of such
antiquity, but I venture to
bring the suggestion to your
notice.

Yours faithfully
R. C. Baigent

H. S. Wellcome, Esq.

S. H. B.

3 June 1913.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Wellcome desires me to thank
you for your kind letter of the 31st ult.,
and for bringing to his notice the account
of the old mortar discovered at Winchester,
and the specimen in the York Museum.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

R. C. Baigent Esq.,
57 Sarsfield Road,
Balham, S. W.

BAIGENT, R.C.

1883

SECRETARY

White S.H.B.

3rd March 1911.

Dear Mr. Christie,

I have a note from Mr. Wellcome before me, in which he wishes me to write to you with respect to a bronze bell that you once told him of in a pharmacy in Spain, which is now used as a mortar. Could you let me know the name of the pharmacy, and where it is situated, or any other particulars you can let me have.

Trusting you are well,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

C.H.R.

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C /o C.J.Christie Esq. Senr.,

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Phonetic system.

Alsina 353,

BUENOS AIRES.

April 5th, 1911.

C.J.S.Thompson Esq.,

Snow Hill Buildings,

LONDON, E.C.

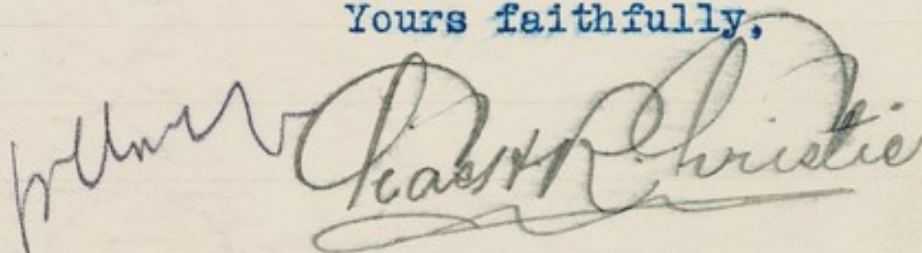
Dear Mr Thompson,

I am just in receipt of your lines of 3rd. ulto., which have taken about twelve days longer than usual to reach here, and in reply to same beg to say:

I cannot state with certainty at this distant date, where I came across the bronze bell being used as a mortar, but, as far as I can remember, it was in Coruña, in a Pharmacy owned by a man named either Eduardo, or Emilio Rey Sanchez. Reference to my Letter Books for December 1904 should throw some light on the subject.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

Robert Christie

Notes Mar 20 1910
I was

in error, as
to its being
Chemist Shop
please send
me copy of sketch
& particulars of
description &
locality & I will
keep my eyes open

MSW

2nd November 1910.

Mr. Wellcome.

I enclose herewith the original correspondence with Mr.
Atkinson respecting the old Egyptian mortar.

C. S. Thompson

Sta Wigmore St,

25 November 1913

Dear Sir,

Your letter addressed to Mr. Wellcome who is at present travelling abroad has been forwarded to me. If you could kindly bring the mortar to the above address between two and three o'clock on Thursday or Friday afternoon, I should be pleased to see it. When you call, will you please ring at the bell.

I am,

Faithfully yours.

C. S. T.

C. S. Birkett Esq.,
220 Bow Road,
Bow.

Memorandum.

From

C. C. Birkett
229 Bow Rd
Bow F

To Mr Melrose
Know Hill
C.C.

Recd.
22 NOV 1913

W. STRAKER, LIMITED, LUDGATE HILL.

9/ Nov 1913

Dear Sir
I have a very old bronze
mortar with raised figures
thereon. Would this interest
you? If so shall be pleased to
bring it along for your inspection, by
appointment, a reply will oblige
Yrs faithfully: C C Birkett

Birkel



M. Mellor Woodward,

(SUCCESSOR TO EYLES, LATE GROVES).

Pharmaceutical Chemist.

80, ST. MARY STREET,

Weymouth.

ESTABLISHED 1819.

TELEPHONE NO. 428.

TELEGRAMS: "WOODWARD, PHARMACIST,
WEYMOUTH."

9-2-1914

RECEIVED
10 FEB 1914

J. H. L. Wellcome Esq^r

Dear Sir,

I have & am offering for sale a fine
old Bronze Mortar. As you are
interested in such & I believe collect
similar specimens in these cases where
sufficiently interesting. I send you particulars
1721 - Weight 88, Height 10½ in
Diameter 13¼. Ornamental band at
Wurst. Fine round top edge.
George Ord. 1721.

I shall not part with same before
end of week. if you are interested I will
send further particulars -

Truly,
M. M. Woodward

H.M.M.

10 February 1914.

Dear Sir,

Your letter to Mr. Wellcome of the 9th inst. has been sent to me. As the Curator of the Museum is at present on the Continent, I am afraid it is impossible to deal with your offer, but if you will kindly send me further particulars with regard to the mortar of which you speak, I will give them to him at the earliest opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

F. G. S.

Secretary.

Mr. M.M. Woodward,
80 St. Mary Street,
Weymouth.

Woodward.

H. M. M.

5 March 1914.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the old bronze mortar which you kindly offer in your letter of the 9th ult., if you have not already disposed of it, I should be glad to know the price you require for the same, also if you could let me have a photograph or rough sketch of it. On hearing from you I will give the matter early consideration.

Faithfully yours,



Mr. M. Mellor Woodward,
80, St. Mary Street,
Weymouth.



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WEYMOUTH."

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80, ST. MARY STREET,

Weymouth.

6.3.1914

To C. J. Thompson Esq^r

Sir

Thanks for your communication
Re Mortar. I have not disposed of
same, nor have I yet ~~marked~~ valued it -
I can obtain information as to its value as
Old Bronze, but as you are aware the
actual value is "the best premium offer"
I send you two rubbings, Weight 88^{us.}
Sound as a Bell, Height 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ in
Diameter at top 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ in.

I know little of its history.

"George Odd" 1721"

Was for 60 years in possession of
The late W.T.P. Groves a Pharmacist
One time President of B.P.C.

An Anti-Quarian

I trust these particulars will be
of interest.

I have not been able to find whether
George Odd was a Bell maker or
whether it was made for him.

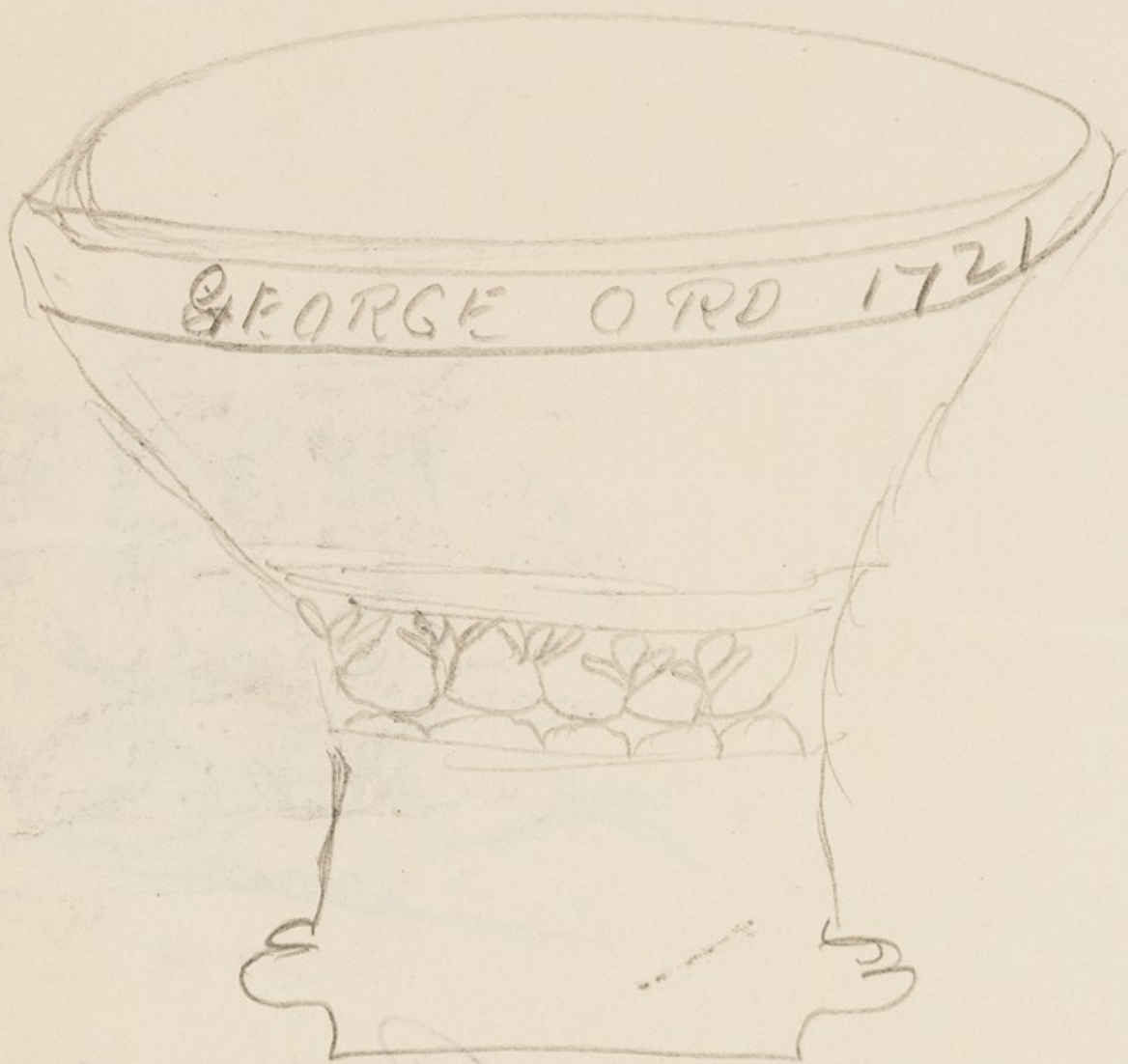
I should think he was the maker.

Truly

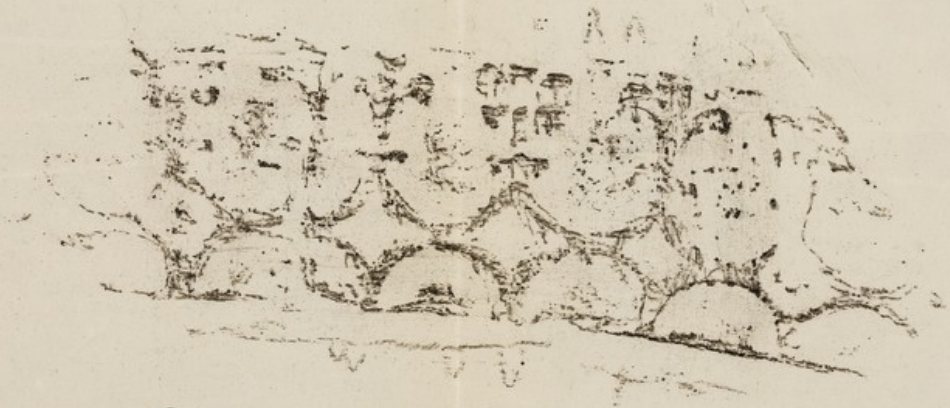
M. M. Woodward.

Rubbing of letters between
two tiles at top of mortar

GEORGE GEORGE
1721



Sketch of bowl from 1721



Rubbing from pattern at waist.

Woodward

Hunter

9 March 1914.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 6th inst. respecting the old bronze mortar, and for sending particulars of the same. It is very difficult to judge of the value of the mortar without first seeing it, and you having it in your possession would be the best one to place a value upon it. If you will therefore kindly let me know the price you ask, I will give the matter due consideration.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. H. T.

Mr. M. Mollor Woodward,
80 St. Mary Street,
Weymouth.